

**Private Fredric Harold Loftus** 51070 North Staffordshire Regiment died on 15/09/1918 aged 18 and is buried in Bertincourt Chateau British Cemetery.

He was the son of Frank and Ellen Loftus, of 29, Dominie Cross Rd., Retford, Notts.

I have failed to locate any report of his death in the Retford Times. Some War Office Service Records survived the enemy bombing of the second war and although partially charred provide some information.

His Army Attestation Form dated 12 Dec 1917 has him living at 29 Dominie Cross Road, Retford aged 17 years and 11 months, single and employed as a window cleaner.

Army Form 104-126 dated 18 Dec 1918 gives instructions for his effects of Letters, photos, pocket knife, 4 religious books, 2 wallets, a steel mirror, metal cigarette case, lapel badge and a bible to be forwarded to the family.

Army Form 5080 dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 1920 lists all his living relatives

Father Frank Arthur Loftus

Mother Ethel Loftus

Brother Francis Loftus aged 4

Sister Cissy Loftus aged 13

Sister Ethel Loftus aged 10 all of 29 Dominie Cross Road, Retford, Notts.